RACINE PARENTAL CHOICE PROGRAM (RPCP)

RPCP Facts and Figures for 2017-18 As of October 2018

In January 2018, there were twenty three (23) private schools participating in the RPCP, with a total enrollment of 2,882 students or 2,791.9 full-time equivalent (FTE) in the program.* The 2017-18 RPCP state aid payment for a student enrolled full-time in the RPCP in grade kindergarten through eight is \$7,530 and \$8,176 for a student enrolled full-time in grade nine through twelve. The program is estimated to cost \$21,876,000 in 2017-18.

Act 55 (Wisconsin 2015-17 Biennial Budget) changed the manner in which the RPCP is funded. Students that participated in the program prior to the 2015-16 school year will continue to be fully funded from state general purpose revenue.

Pupils who begin attending a private school under the RPCP in the 2015-16 school year and thereafter are referred to as "incoming pupils." State law requires Racine Unified School District (RUSD) to have its state general aid reduced by an amount equal to the amount paid by the state to participating private schools attributable to the incoming pupils residing in the district.

If RUSD does not receive general aid payments sufficient to cover the incoming choice pupil aid reduction, the balance would be reduced from other state aids received by the district. Incoming pupils in the RPCP are included in RUSD's membership for state general aid purposes in the following year. The district may not levy to backfill the aid reduction. However, RUSD receives a non-recurring revenue limit exemption equal to the general state aid reduction.

Table 1 shows the RPCP enrollment by grade level. The number of students listed in the table is reported by headcount and FTE. For example, a four-year-old kindergarten student may be counted as 0.5 or 0.6 FTE.

TABLE 1
RPCP 2017-18 Enrollment by Grade Level*

	3rd Friday in September 2017		2nd Friday in January 2018		
Grade Level	Headcount	<u>FTE</u>	Headcount	<u>FTE</u>	
4 Year-Old Kindergarten	189	101.9	189	101.9	
5 Year-Old Kindergarten	289	286.0	273	270.0	
1st Grade	294	294.0	279	279.0	
2nd Grade	263	263.0	241	241.0	
3rd Grade	277	277.0	270	270.0	
4th Grade	246	246.0	234	234.0	
5th Grade	231	231.0	222	222.0	
6th Grade	264	264.0	254	254.0	
7th Grade	223	223.0	214	214.0	
8th Grade	167	167.0	163	163.0	
9th Grade	208	208.0	206	206.0	
10th Grade	140	140.0	134	134.0	
11th Grade	120	120.0	112	112.0	
12th Grade	92	92.0	91	91.0	
Totals	3,003	2,912.9	2,882	2,791.9	

^{*} These numbers are as of October 2018 and are subject to change.

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Table 2 provides the total number of students in the RPCP by where (and if) they were enrolled in school in 2016-17.

TABLE 2
2017-18 RPCP Students' Prior Year Enrollments*

	3rd Friday in September 2017				
2016-17 Enrollment	Headcount**	% of Headcount	FTE	% of FTE	
Wisconsin Private School	2,223	74.03%	2,209.8	75.86%	
Wisconsin Public School	563	18.75%	550.4	18.90%	
No School	187	6.23%	123.6	4.24%	
Homeschooled	28	0.93%	27.1	0.93%	
Out of State	2	0.07%	2.0	0.07%	
Totals	3,003	100%	2,912.9	100%	

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^{**} Of the 2,223 students enrolled in private school in 2016-17, 2,116 (2,113.0 FTE) participated in the RPCP. Of the remaining 107 students (96.8 FTE) enrolled in a private school in 2016-17, 50 (39.8 FTE) students applied to kindergarten, 9 students applied to first grade and 48 students applied to ninth grade for the 2017-18 school year.